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# Weeping Standard Roses

FOR its particular purpose there is no more spectacular form of the Rose than the Weeping Standard Tree Rose. This is a sort of glorified form of the ordinary Standard or Tree Rose. It requires years to create,—years of careful training and development. First, a suitably thick, strong stem or trunk must be grown with unusually vigorous root system. This is later budded, usually at about five feet from the ground but sometimes as high as nine feet, with a variety of climbing Roses whose habits of growth adapt themselves to the necessary training of a well-developed head, with attractive foliage and bloom. During the succeeding years this head is, by constant care and pruning, so trained as to take an umbrella-like form that covers a specially designed heavy wire trainer. By a careful selection of varieties used in budding the most delightful effects are attained,—a cascade of snowy-white blossoms, each with its rich gold center, against deep-green, glossy foliage; huge, single, yellow flowers, with rich golden stamens and delicious fragrance, set off by the most brilliantly lustrous foliage imaginable; long, sweeping stems that touch the ground, covered with holly-like foliage, bearing semi-double flowers of orange and apricot; the





A PHYLLIS BIDE Weeping Standard less than a year after planting, its wire trainer covered with a mass of the daintiest rose, gold and pink flowers; a continuous bloomer with handsome foliage

delicate and individual beauty of the apple blossom in an everblooming, fragrant rose with its canopy of attractive foliage; and a Weeper decked in brightest scarlet.

## They Have No Substitute

These Weeping Standards have a very definite purpose in the garden, one that nothing else can so effectively fill. As a specimen planting in the lawn, as an "eye-trap" at the end of a walk, as the centerpiece for a bed, by a pool, wherever the effect of height and beauty and splendour are desired, they are eminently suitable. Their majesty and distinctive grandeur instantly attract the eye and the fact

that as yet they are seldom seen in America, though seen in all the best rose-gardens of Europe, lends to their charm a special quality of rarity. In our milder climates they are mostly everbloomers the whole season through,—such sorts as Mermaid and Phyllis Bide being literally everblooming and evergreen twelve months in the year in favored locations; and for our colder climate planting they possess the advantage of being easily protected,—far more so than a climbing rose. They are ideal for cemetery planting; a Weeping Standard Mermaid, or Phyllis Bide, or Kathleen, for example, is a thing of grace and beauty all the year round, with continuous bloom and clean, resistant foliage.

## Certain Essentials Required

The proper selection of varieties is a matter of the utmost importance in the creation of Weeping Standard Roses and to this detail we have given the greatest care. A desirable Weeping Standard Rose must have numerous sinuous braches, not too thick nor too rampant,—it must be able to develop into a well-branched, symmetrical head, and it must have "clean" habits of both flower and foliage so as to retain its attractiveness throughout the year. The varieties we offer meet these requirements; they quickly form shapely, symmetrical heads that soon cover their wire trainers; they have disease-resistant foliage that requires



little care or pest control and remains attractive for a long period; and they have the clean habit of shedding their dead flowers without the necessity of frequent pruning.

## They Grow In Beauty Yearly

Our Weepers are easily planted because of our method of heavily balling the roots and of shipment and once planted they require surprisingly little care beyond the annual pruning and the occasional tying down of new growth on the trainer. They are ideal as permanent additions to the planting of any garden or estate and they increase in grandeur and beauty each year. They are, perhaps, most effective in formal gardens and no formal rose garden can be said to be complete without them. Their effectiveness is greatly heightened by a suitable planting around the base such as Polyantha Roses of suitable shades, or lavender or blue bedding plants such as nepita, violas, the low campanulas, or blue lobelia.

## Our Matchless Assortment

The complete assortment of varieties of our Weeping Standards is something we are very proud of; it is said by qualified judges to be as fine as any offered by any grower of any country, and the only complete assortment in America. It includes varieties suited to any climate or local condition, and we are always glad to offer our suggestions to prospective buyers; our Weepers are growing in some of the finest gardens in America,—in New York, Ohio, New England, Maryland, Georgia, the Southern & Central States, as well as on the Pacific Coast. In listing the varieties below, we give in each case sufficient description of bloom and habit of growth to enable you to intelligently decide what will best meet your needs and conditions. Prices named are for selected,



CASCADIA as a Weeping Standard, a few weeks after planting dormant. Lustrous, glossy, evergreen foliage and exquisite clusters of charming white flowers with golden centers, borne continuously





In the rose garden of Mrs. Harry C. Hunt, Jr., at Pebble Beach, Calif., among the many varieties of Weeping Standard Roses this JACOTTE with its orange flowers and trailing branches of holly-like foliage is outstandingly beautiful

first quality, dormant specimens, well matured, to bloom the first season, the roots heavily balled and burlapped, the heads well developed and tied back for shipment, packed in crates, each Weeper with its heavy redwood stake and adjustable English-type heavy wire trainer. These dormant specimens we are able to ship from December to April, packed to safely go any distance. We also have, in most varieties, advanced specimens, growing in large containers, for immediate effects, that we ship in leaf or bloom anywhere at any time of the year and will gladly submit prices on request.



## Description of Varieties

*BLOOMFIELD DAINTY*—A little known but exquisitely dainty sort; single, light yellow flowers that open from bright yellow buds, fragrant and everblooming; most attractive foliage well suited to the weeping form - - - - - \$15.00

*CASCADIA*—Quite unlike any other Rose! Dense clusters of small snow-white single flowers, each with a golden center, borne so profusely as to completely cover the weeping head, like a snowy cascade. Glossy, lasting foliage, with succession of bloom all season long. \$12.50

*CLYTEMNESTRA*—An everblooming hybrid musk Rose with clusters of copper-red and salmon-yellow flowers, passing from pink to white; good foliage. A seldom-seen but excellent sort that makes a grand Weeper. - - - - - \$15.00

*KATHLEEN*—A distinctive hybrid musk Weeper of rare charm and with lovely and graceful foliage, quite disease proof, bearing continuously clusters of fragrant, single, pink flowers resembling apple blossoms - - - - - \$15.00





*LADY GODIVA*—An improved Dorothy Perkins with profuse and charming clusters of small, very double flowers of a rare and lovely shade of pink, borne through a long season. - - \$12.50

*JACOTTE*—Remarkable for its dense holly-like foliage, always attractive, borne on long, trailing branches that soon touch the ground; handsome semi-double orange flowers, freely borne. - - \$12.50

*MERMAID*—Here is this lovely, matchless Rose, quite unique and without equal, budded in Weeping form, a beautiful creation with its glistening, disease-proof, glossy foliage and large, single, fragrant yellow flowers, both borne, in mild climates, all through the year. \$15.

*PAUL'S SCARLET*—This famous, hardy Rose with its profuse rich scarlet-red flowers, borne, in many mild climates, continuously through the season, and its attractive, disease-resistant foliage, makes a fine combination for a Weeping Standard - - - \$12.50

*PHYLLIS BIDE*—A comparatively little-known Climbing Hybrid Multiflora Rose, perfectly adapted to the Weeping Standard form because of its continuous blooming habit, its hardiness, its clean, attractive and disease-proof foliage, and its exquisitely formed flowers of rose, gold and fawn, flushed with pink at the edges, borne in small clusters. Our best selling Weeping Rose. Two sizes:

Strong, good specimens	-	-	-	-	\$10.00
Largest, selected specimens	-	-	-	-	\$12.50

*Rosa ARVENSIS*—This is the famous Ayrshire Rose, more used for Weeping Standards, perhaps, than any other in England; very hardy, good foliage, long trailing branches bedecked with single white bloom of great charm followed by red fruits - - - \$12.50

*Rosa SOULEIANA*—A new and beautiful Wild Rose from Asia allied to the Musk Rose, remarkable for its vigorous growth, its handsome, enduring, disease-proof foliage and its enormous clusters of fragrant white flowers, opening from straw-yellow buds, that completely cover the vigorous growth like a blanket of snow, followed by an equally brilliant display of orange-red hips through fall and winter. A rare and magnificent Weeper, quite exclusive with us. - - - \$15.00

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Prices for any of the above varieties in large, established specimens, in leaf or flower, growing in containers, given on request.

## Photographs Submitted

To any customer interested in purchasing our Weeping Standards we will gladly submit original photographs showing them in various stages of development and illustrating also the remarkably quick results produced by our dormant Weepers a few weeks after planting.



## Terms and Shipping Conditions

Terms are cash with order. As the supply of our Weeping Standard Roses is very limited and insufficient to meet our annual demands it is well to place orders early in the season. This may be done for shipment to be made immediately or at a later date, as desired. No reservations for future shipment made without a deposit of one-half the cost price. We pack our Weeping Standard Roses expertly in strong crates and they reach the remotest parts of this continent in perfect condition. Approximate weights for heavily balled dormant specimens, as above quoted, crated for shipment, are, for one Weeper, 85 lbs; two in crate, 125 lbs; three in crate, 175 lbs. We ship by freight unless otherwise desired; shipping charges are paid by customer but we make no charge for crate or crating. A \$2.00 English wire trainer and heavy, permanent redwood stake are supplied with each Weeper without added cost.

## Correspondence Solicited


Appreciating the fact that Weeping Standards are so little known in America and that our offerings include varieties obtainable nowhere else in the world, we gladly solicit your enquiries for detailed information which will be promptly and fully given.

For personal attention please address all orders and correspondence to:

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